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## Viewing cable 05CAIRO8617, ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL MOUSSA COMMENTS ON

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
05CAIRO8617	2005-11-15 18:54	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Cairo

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 008617

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 11/15/2015

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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL MOUSSA COMMENTS ON  
SYRIA AND MEHLIS

Classified by Ambassador Francis J. Ricciardone for reasons  
1.4(b) and (d).

1. (C) During a November 15 meeting, Arab League Secretary General Amre Moussa told the Ambassador of his latest discussions with Syrian President Asad. Moussa said that when he saw Asad before his recent speech, Asad pledged: full cooperation with Mehlis; that he would tell any high official summoned for the investigation to cooperate; and that he could not send anyone to Lebanon for investigation. According to Moussa, Asad said questioning Syrian officials in Lebanon would be humiliating and unsafe.

2. (C) Moussa also said that Asad expressed a strong preference that the investigations take place on UNDOF premises, which is on Syrian soil but "under the UN flag." According to Moussa, Asad also, however, asked Moussa about using the Arab League in Cairo for questioning. Moussa said that he told Asad that this could only happen on four conditions: 1) Mehlis agrees, 2) the GOF agrees, 3) Lebanon agrees, and 4) Syria formally asks the Arab League to offer its facilities. Moussa said that he knew that Syria sent its legal advisor to Beirut to meet with Mehlis, but he had not heard the results of the meeting. Moussa said he would call the Syrian Ambassador in Cairo for a report after his meeting with the Ambassador.

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